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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 88

2 AMENDMENT NO. ____ . Amend House Joint Resolution 88 by
3 replacing everything after the title with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, In 1885, the 34th Illinois General Assembly
5 passed legislation to establish a soldiers' and sailors' home
6 for disabled Illinois veterans of the Mexican and Civil Wars;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, On June 1, 1886, Governor Richard Oglesby decided
9 on Quincy as the site of the new home; the home is the largest
10 and oldest veterans home of the four located in Illinois, and
11 one of the larger and older veterans homes in the country; and

12 WHEREAS, Originally named "Soldiers and Sailors Home"
13 until 1974, it is currently home to nearly 600 veterans and
14 their spouses; over 70 of the 102 counties in Illinois are
15 represented within the current membership; and

1 WHEREAS, The Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy is
2 responsible for providing economical and quality long-term
3 care for veterans and their spouses, which includes domiciliary
4 care, intermediate care, and skilled care; and

5 WHEREAS, Sunset Cemetery is located on the grounds of the
6 Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy; and

7 WHEREAS, Over 7,000 veterans and spouses are laid to rest
8 at Sunset Cemetery, dating back to the Civil War, including a
9 large number of Medal of Honor recipients; and

10 WHEREAS, A section of U.S. Route 24 runs through Quincy;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
14 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the section of U.S. Route 24
15 that runs from the Mississippi River to the junction of U.S.
16 Route 24 and Interstate 172, north of Quincy, be designated
17 "The Veterans Medal of Honor Highway"; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is
19 requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State
20 regulations, appropriate signs giving notice of the name; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
3 presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of
4 Transportation and to the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy."